

A graph associated to a lattice

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Abstract In this paper, we associate a simple graph to a lattice \mathcal{L} , in which the vertex set is being the set of all elements of \mathcal{L} , and two distinct vertices x and y are adjacent if $x \vee y \in S$, when S is a multiplicatively closed subset of \mathcal{L} . We denote this graph by $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$. We study some properties of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$. Moreover, we investigate the planarity of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$, whenever S is a saturated multiplicatively closed subset of \mathcal{L} .

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1 Introduction

The study of algebraic structures, using the properties of graph theory, tends to an exciting research topic in the last decade. There are many papers on assigning a graph to a ring, see for example [2, 3, 6, 4]. One of these graphs is the total graph. Let R be a commutative ring. The total graph of R is a simple graph with vertex set R , and two distinct vertices a and b are adjacent if $a + b$ is a zero divisor of R (see for

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example [1, 2]). By using this idea, for a multiplicatively closed subset S of R , in [5], the authors defined a graph on R , denoted by $\Gamma_S(R)$, with vertices as elements of R , and two distinct vertices a and b are adjacent if and only if $a + b \in S$. In this paper, we generalize the concept of $\Gamma_S(R)$ for a lattice. Recall that a *lattice* is an algebra $\mathcal{L} = (L, \vee, \wedge)$ satisfying the following conditions: for all $a, b, c \in L$,

1. $a \wedge a = a, a \vee a = a$,
2. $a \wedge b = b \wedge a, a \vee b = b \vee a$,
3. $(a \wedge b) \wedge c = a \wedge (b \wedge c), (a \vee b) \vee c = a \vee (b \vee c)$, and
4. $a \vee (a \wedge b) = a \wedge (a \vee b) = a$.

There is an equivalent definition for a lattice (see for example [8, Theorem 2.1]). To do this, for a lattice \mathcal{L} , one can define an order \leq on \mathcal{L} as follows: For any $a, b \in \mathcal{L}$, we set $a \leq b$ if and only if $a \wedge b = a$. Then (\mathcal{L}, \leq) is an ordered set in which every pairs of elements has a greatest lower bound (g.l.b.) and a least upper bound (l.u.b.). Conversely, let P be an ordered set such that, for every pair $a, b \in P$, g.l.b. $(a, b) \in P$ and l.u.b. $(a, b) \in P$. For each a and b in P , we define $a \wedge b := \text{g.l.b.}(a, b)$ and $a \vee b := \text{l.u.b.}(a, b)$. Clearly (P, \wedge, \vee) is a lattice.

The lattice \mathcal{L} is said to be *bounded* if there are elements 0 and 1 such that

$$0 \wedge x = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x \vee 1 = 1$$

for all $x \in \mathcal{L}$. Let S be a nonempty subset of \mathcal{L} . We say that S is a multiplicatively closed subset of \mathcal{L} if $x \wedge y \in S$, for all x and y of S . Also, we say that a subset S of \mathcal{L} is saturated if $x \wedge y \in S$ if and only if $x, y \in S$.

For a multiplicatively closed subset of \mathcal{L} , we define $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ as a simple graph, with vertex-set \mathcal{L} and two distinct vertices x and y being adjacent if and only if $x \vee y \in S$.

In the second section, we study some basic properties of the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ such as connectivity, diameter and completeness whenever \mathcal{L} is a bounded lattice. In the third section, for bounded lattices, we investigate $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$, whenever S is a saturated multiplicatively closed subset of \mathcal{L} and, in the final section, we study the planarity of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ where \mathcal{L} is a bounded lattice.

Now, we start to remind a belief necessary background of lattice theory from [8]. Let x and y be two distinct elements of \mathcal{L} . Whenever $x \leq z \leq y$ and there is no element z in \mathcal{L} such that $x < z < y$, we say y *covers* x . An element $a \in \mathcal{L}$ is an *atom* of lattice \mathcal{L} if it covers 0. Also, an element $m \in \mathcal{L}$ is a *coatom* of lattice \mathcal{L} if 1 covers it. We denote the set of all coatoms of \mathcal{L} by $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ and the set of atoms of \mathcal{L} by $\text{Atom}(\mathcal{L})$. An ideal I of \mathcal{L} is a non-empty subset of \mathcal{L} such that

- (i) for all a and b of I , $a \vee b \in I$, and
- (ii) for any $a \in I$ and $b \in \mathcal{L}$, $a \wedge b \in I$.

An ideal I of \mathcal{L} is maximal if I is proper ($I \neq \mathcal{L}$) and the only ideal having I , as a proper subset, is \mathcal{L} . We use the notation $J(\mathcal{L})$ for the jacobson radical of \mathcal{L} which is the intersection of all maximal ideals of \mathcal{L} . Given a lattice \mathcal{L} and $A \subseteq \mathcal{L}$. An element $x \in \mathcal{L}$ is a lower bound of A if $x \leq a$ for all $a \in A$. An upper bound is defined in a dual manner. The set of all lower bounds of A is denoted by A^ℓ and the set of all upper bounds by A^u , where

$$A^\ell := \{x \in \mathcal{L}; x \leq a \text{ for all } a \in A\}$$

and

$$A^u := \{x \in \mathcal{L}; a \leq x \text{ for all } a \in A\}.$$

Now, we recall some definitions of graph theory from [7] which are needed in this paper. The *degree* of a vertex v in the graph X is the number of edges of X incident with v and denoted by $\deg(v)$. In a graph X with vertex-set $V(X)$, the *distance* between two distinct vertices a and b , denoted by $d(a, b)$, is the length of a shortest path connecting a and b , if such a path exists; otherwise, we set $d(a, b) := \infty$. The *diameter* of a graph X is $\text{diam}(X) = \sup\{d(a, b) : a \text{ and } b \text{ are distinct vertices of } X\}$. For two distinct vertices a and b in X , the notation $a - b$ means that a and b are adjacent. Also the *girth* of a graph X , denoted by $\text{gr}(X)$, is the length of a shortest cycle in X if X has a cycle; otherwise, we set $\text{gr}(X) := \infty$. A graph X is said to be *connected* if there exists a path between any two distinct vertices, and it is *complete* if it is connected with diameter one. We use K_n to denote the complete graph with n vertices. Also, we say that X is *totally disconnected* if no two vertices of X are adjacent. A *clique* of a graph is a complete subgraph of X and the number of vertices in a largest clique of G is called the *clique number* of G and is denoted by $\omega(G)$.

2 Basic properties of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$

From now on \mathcal{L} is a bounded lattice. In this section S is a multiplicatively closed subset of \mathcal{L} . We begin with the following lemma.

Lemma 2.1 *If $0 \notin S$, then $|S \cap \text{Atom}(\mathcal{L})| \leq 1$.*

Proof Assume in contrary that $|S \cap \text{Atom}(\mathcal{L})| \geq 2$. Let a_1 and a_2 be two distinct elements in $S \cap \text{Atom}(\mathcal{L})$. Since S is a multiplicatively closed subset of \mathcal{L} , we have $a_1 \wedge a_2 \in S$ which implies that $0 \in S$. This is a required contradiction. Hence $|S \cap \text{Atom}(\mathcal{L})| \leq 1$. \square

Lemma 2.2 *The following statements hold.*

- (i) *If $0 \in S$, then $\deg(0) = |S| - 1$. Otherwise, $\deg(0) = |S|$.*
- (ii) *If $1 \in S$, then $\deg(1) = |\mathcal{L}| - 1$. Otherwise, $\deg(1) = 0$.*

Proof Since $0 \vee x = x$ and $1 \vee x = 1$, for all $x \in \mathcal{L}$, the statements (i) and (ii) hold. \square

In the following theorem, we study the connectivity of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$.

Theorem 2.3 *$\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is connected if and only if $1 \in S$. Moreover, if $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is connected, then $\text{diam}(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) \leq 2$.*

Proof Suppose that $1 \in S$. By part (ii) of Lemma 2.2, $\deg(1) = |\mathcal{L}| - 1$ which implies that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is connected.

Conversely, if $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is connected, then $\deg(1) \neq 0$. Now, by part (ii) of Lemma 2.2, we have $1 \in S$.

The last statement is clear. \square

Proposition 2.4 $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is complete if and only if $S = \mathcal{L}$ or $S = \mathcal{L} \setminus \{0\}$.

Proof Assume that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is complete. So $\deg(0) = |\mathcal{L}| - 1$. By part (i) of Lemma 2.2, we have $|S| = |\mathcal{L}| - 1$ or $|S| - 1 = |\mathcal{L}| - 1$. Hence $S = \mathcal{L}$ or $S = \mathcal{L} \setminus \{x\}$, for some $x \in \mathcal{L}$. We claim that $x = 0$. Assume in contrary that $x \neq 0$. Since $0 \vee x = x$, the vertex 0 is not adjacent to x , which is impossible. So $x = 0$, and thus $S = \mathcal{L}$ or $S = \mathcal{L} \setminus \{0\}$.

The converse statement follows easily. \square

Theorem 2.5 The following statements hold.

- (i) The graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is regular if and only if it is either complete or totally disconnected.
- (ii) $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is a star graph if and only if $S = \{1\}$ or $S = \{1, 0\}$ and $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 1$.

Proof (i) Suppose that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is regular and that is not totally disconnected. By part (ii) of Lemma 2.2, we have $1 \in S$. Then $\deg(1) = |\mathcal{L}| - 1$. Since $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is regular, $\deg(x) = |\mathcal{L}| - 1$, for all $x \in \mathcal{L}$. Hence $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is complete.

The converse statement is clear.

(ii) Suppose that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is a star graph. Since $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is connected, we have $1 \in S$, and so $\deg(1) = |\mathcal{L}| - 1$. Hence 1 is the center of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$. On the other hand, since 0 is adjacent to all element of S , we have $S = \{1\}$ or $S = \{1, 0\}$. Assume in contrary that $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \geq 2$. Thus there exists distinct vertices m and m' in $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ which are adjacent in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$. This is impossible. Hence $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 1$.

The converse statement is clear. \square

Proposition 2.6 Assume that $1 \in S$. Then $\text{gr}(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) \in \{3, \infty\}$.

Proof Suppose that $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \geq 2$ and consider the cycle $1 - m - m' - 1$ in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$, where $m, m' \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$, to deduce that $\text{gr}(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) = 3$. Otherwise, $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 1$. Now we have the following cases:

- (i) Suppose that $|S| = 1$. Then $S = \{1\}$ and so, by Proposition 2.5, the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is a star graph. Thus $\text{gr}(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) = \infty$.
- (ii) Suppose that $|S| = 2$. If $S = \{0, 1\}$, then, by Proposition 2.5, $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is a star graph and so $\text{gr}(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) = \infty$. Otherwise, $S = \{1, s\}$ where $s \neq 0$. Now, the cycle $1 - s - 0 - 1$ is the shortest cycle in the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ which implies that $\text{gr}(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) = 3$.
- (iii) Suppose that $|S| \geq 2$. Thus there is $s \in S$ such that $s \neq 0, 1$. Now, the cycle $1 - s - 0 - 1$ is the shortest cycle in the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$. So $\text{gr}(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) = 3$.

\square

Let \mathcal{A} be a chain in S . Since $x \vee y \in S$ for all $x, y \in \mathcal{A}$, we have the following proposition.

Proposition 2.7 $\omega(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) \geq \max\{|\mathcal{A}|; \mathcal{A} \text{ is a chain in } S\}$.

3 Basic properties of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ where S is a saturated subset of the lattice \mathcal{L}

Throughout this section, S is a saturated subset of the lattice \mathcal{L} . It is easy to see that if $x \in S$, then $\{x\}^u \subseteq S$, and so we always have $1 \in S$. Hence, by Proposition 2.3, one can conclude that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is connect with diameter less than three.

Proposition 3.1 *For all $s \in S$, we have that $\deg(s) = |\mathcal{L}| - 1$.*

Proof Let s be an arbitrary element in S . Since $s \wedge (s \vee x) = s$ for all $x \in \mathcal{L}$, we have that $s \wedge (s \vee x) \in S$. Therefore $\deg(s) = |\mathcal{L}| - 1$ for all $s \in S$. \square

In the following proposition, we present a lower bound for the clique number of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$.

Proposition 3.2 *In the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ we have the following inequality.*

$$\omega(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) \geq \max\{|S|, |\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})|\} + 1$$

Proof Since $m \vee m' = 1$ for all m and m' in $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$, the set $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \cup \{1\}$ forms a clique in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$. Also, by Proposition 3.1, $S \cup \{0\}$ is a clique in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$. This implies that $\omega(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) \geq \max\{|S|, |\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})|\} + 1$. \square

Lemma 3.3 *Assume that $0 \in S$. Then $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is complete.*

Proof Since $0 \in S$, we have that $\{0\}^u \subseteq S$. Hence $S = \mathcal{L}$. Now, by Proposition 2.4, the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is complete. \square

From now on, we assume that $0 \notin S$. So, by Lemma 2.1, we have $|S \cap \text{Atom}(\mathcal{L})| \leq 1$.

Proposition 3.4 *If $S \cap \text{Atom}(\mathcal{L}) = \{a\}$, then $S = \{a\}^u$.*

Proof Clearly $\{a\}^u \subseteq S$. Now, assume in contrary that there exists $b \in S \setminus \{a\}^u$. Since S is a multiplicatively closed subset of \mathcal{L} , we have $0 = a \wedge b \in S$, which is impossible. Thus $S = \{a\}^u$. \square

Proposition 3.5 *Suppose that $|\mathcal{L}| \geq 3$.*

- (i) *If $|S| \geq 2$, then every vertex of the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ lies in a cycle of length 3, and so $\text{gr}(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) = 3$.*
- (ii) *If $|S| = 1$, then $\text{gr}(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) \in \{3, \infty\}$.*

Proof (i) Since $|S| \geq 2$, we can choose $s \neq 1$ in S . Now, let x be an arbitrary element in \mathcal{L} . Then we have the cycle $1 - x - s - 1$, and so each vertex of the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ lies in a cycle of length 3 and $\text{gr}(\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})) = 3$.

(ii) Since $|S| = 1$, we have that $S = \{1\}$. The result now follows from Proposition 2.6. \square

Proposition 3.6 *If $|S| = 1$, then $\deg(x) = 1$, for all $x \in J(\mathcal{L})$.*

Proof Since $|S| = 1$, we have that $S = \{1\}$. If $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 1$, then, by Proposition 2.5, $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is a star graph with center 1. Since $1 \notin J(\mathcal{L})$, every vertex in $J(\mathcal{L})$ has degree one. Otherwise, $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \geq 2$. Let x be an arbitrary vertex in $J(\mathcal{L})$. Clearly 1 is adjacent to every vertex in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ which implies that $\deg(x) \geq 1$. Assume in contrary that $\deg(x) \geq 2$. So there is $y \neq 1$ in \mathcal{L} such that x and y are adjacent, and so $x \vee y = 1$. If $y \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$, then $x \vee y = y$, which is impossible. Hence $y \notin \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$, but there is $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ such that $y \in \{m\}^\ell$. Since $x \in \cap_{m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})} \{m\}^\ell$, we have that $x \vee y \leq m$, which is impossible. So $\deg(x) = 1$, for all $x \in J(\mathcal{L})$. \square

Proposition 3.7 *If $|S| = 1$ and $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \geq 2$, then every vertex in graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L} \setminus J(\mathcal{L}))$ lies in a cycle of length 3.*

Proof Since $|S| = 1$, we have that $S = \{1\}$. Let y be an arbitrary element in $\mathcal{L} \setminus J(\mathcal{L})$. We need to show that y lies in a cycle of length 3 in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L} \setminus J(\mathcal{L}))$. If $y \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$, since $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \geq 2$, there exists m with $m \neq y$ in $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$. Thus, we can consider the cycle $y - m - 1 - y$ in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L} \setminus J(\mathcal{L}))$. Otherwise $y \notin \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$. Since $y \notin J(\mathcal{L})$, there exists $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ such that $y \notin \{m\}^\ell$. Therefore $y \vee m = 1$, which implies that y and m are adjacent in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L} \setminus J(\mathcal{L}))$. So we can consider the cycle $y - m - 1 - y$ and the result follows. \square

4 Planarity of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ when S is a saturated subset of \mathcal{L}

In this section, we characterize all planar graphs $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$, where S is a saturated subset of \mathcal{L} . Recall that a planar graph is a graph that can be embedded on the plane, that is, it can be drawn on the plane in such a way that its edges intersect only at their endpoints. Kuratowski provided a nice characterization of planar graphs, which now is known as Kuratowski's Theorem:

A finite graph is planar if and only if it does not contain a subdivision of K_5 or $K_{3,3}$.

Proposition 4.1 *If $0 \in S$, then $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar if and only if $|\mathcal{L}| \leq 4$.*

Proof If $0 \in S$, then $S = \mathcal{L}$. Hence $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is a complete graph, and so the result follows from Kuratowski's Theorem. \square

Proposition 3.2 in conjunction with Kuratowski's Theorem implies the following lemma.

Lemma 4.2 *If $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \geq 4$ or $|S| \geq 4$, then $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not planar.*

In view of Lemma 4.2, we investigate to study the planarity of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$, in the case that $|S| \leq 3$ and $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \leq 3$. We start with the following proposition.

Proposition 4.3 *Suppose that $|S| = 3$. Then $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar if and only if $|\mathcal{L}| \leq 5$.*

Proof Suppose that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. Assume in contrary that $|\mathcal{L}| \geq 6$. Now, put $V_1 := S$ and $V_2 := \{x_1, x_2, x_3\} \subseteq \mathcal{L} \setminus S$. Clearly one can find a copy of $K_{3,3}$ in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$.

Therefore, by Kuratowski's Theorem, $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not planar, which is impossible. Hence $|\mathcal{L}| \leq 5$.

Conversely, assume that $|\mathcal{L}| \leq 5$. It is clear that if $|\mathcal{L}| \leq 4$, then $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. Also, if $|\mathcal{L}| = 5$, then, in view of Proposition 2.4, $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not K_5 . So $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. \square

Note that, if $|S| = 2$, then $S = \{1, m\}$ for some $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$. Also, if $|S| = 1$, then $S = \{1\}$.

For the rest of the paper, we need the following definition.

Definition 4.4 Let x be an arbitrary element in \mathcal{L} . We define the lower neighbors of x as the set $B_\ell(x) := \{y \in \mathcal{L}; x \text{ covers } y\}$. Also, for every subsets A and B of \mathcal{L} , we put $L_A^B := \{B\}^\ell \setminus \{A\}^\ell$. Moreover, for $x \in \mathcal{L}$, we denote the sets $L_A^{\{x\}}$ and $L_{\{x\}}^B$, by L_A^x and L_x^B , respectively.

Lemma 4.5 Assume that $S = \{1, m\}$, where $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$. If $|B_\ell(m)| \geq 3$, then $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not planar.

Proof Since $|B_\ell(m)| \geq 3$, we can choose the subset $A = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$ of the set $B_\ell(m)$. It is clear that $x_i \vee x_j = m$ for all $1 \leq i \neq j \leq 3$. So, the induced subgraph of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ on $A \cup S$ is isomorphic to K_5 . Thus, by Kuratowski's Theorem, $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not planar. \square

Proposition 4.6 Let $S = \{1, m\}$, where $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$. If $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar, then one of the following statements holds:

- (i) $|B_\ell(m)| = 1$,
- (ii) $|B_\ell(m)| = 2$, and $|L_x^y| \leq 2$, for all $x, y \in B_\ell(m)$, and if $|L_x^y| = 2$, then $|L_x^x| = 1$, and if $|L_y^x| = 2$, then $|L_x^y| = 1$.

Proof Since $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar, by Lemma 4.5, $|B_\ell(m)| \leq 2$. Suppose that $|B_\ell(m)| \neq 1$. Thus, we have that $|B_\ell(m)| = 2$. Set $B_\ell(m) := \{x, y\}$. If $|L_x^y| \geq 3$ or $|L_y^x| \geq 3$, then it is easy to see that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ has a subgraph which is isomorphic to $K_{3,3}$, and so $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not planar, which is impossible. Hence $|L_y^x| \leq 2$ and $|L_x^y| \leq 2$.

Now, suppose that $|L_x^y| = 2$ and $|L_y^x| = 2$. Set $V_1 := L_x^y \cup \{m\}$ and $V_2 := L_y^x \cup \{1\}$. It is easy to see that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ has a subgraph isomorphic to $K_{3,3}$ with parts V_1 and V_2 , which is impossible. So if $|L_x^y| = 2$, then $|L_y^x| = 1$. Also, if $|L_y^x| = 2$, then $|L_x^y| = 1$. \square

Assume that $S = \{1, m\}$, where $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$. By Lemma 4.2, we have $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \leq 3$. In the following proposition, we present a necessary and sufficient condition for planarity of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ whenever $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 1$.

Theorem 4.7 Let $S = \{1, m\}$ and $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) = \{m\}$. Then the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar if and only if one of the conditions (i) or (ii) in Proposition 4.6 holds.

Proof Let $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. Then, by Proposition 4.6, we are done.

Conversely, we show that if one of the conditions (i) or (ii) in Proposition 4.6 occurs, then $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. One can easily check that, if $|B_\ell(m)| = 1$, then $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is isomorphic to $K_{1,1,|\mathcal{L}|-2}$, and so $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. Also, if condition (ii) in Proposition 4.6 occurs, then it is not hard to see that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. \square

In the next theorem, we provide a necessary and sufficient condition for planarity of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ whenever $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 2$.

Theorem 4.8 *Suppose that $S = \{1, m\}$ and $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) = \{m, m'\}$. Then the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar if and only if \mathcal{L} is one of the following lattices:*

- (i) $\mathcal{L} = S \cup L_{m'}^x \cup J(\mathcal{L})$, where $B_\ell(m) = \{x\}$ such that $x \in \{m'\}^\ell$.
- (ii) $\mathcal{L} = S \cup L_x^{m'} \cup L_{m'}^x \cup J(\mathcal{L})$, where $B_\ell(m) = \{x\}$ such that
 - (a) $x \notin \{m'\}^\ell$.
 - (b) The numbers $|L_x^{m'}|$ and $|L_{m'}^x|$ are less than 3, and if $|L_x^{m'}| = 2$, then $|L_{m'}^x| = 1$, and if $|L_{m'}^x| = 2$, then $|L_x^{m'}| = 1$.
- (iii) $\mathcal{L} = S \cup \{m'\} \cup B_\ell(m) \cup J(\mathcal{L})$, where $|B_\ell(m)| = 2$ and $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell| = 1$.

Proof Assume that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is a planar graph. Then, by Lemma 4.6, $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell| \leq 2$. Now, suppose that $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell| = 2$, and set $B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell := \{x, y\}$. Since the induced subgraph of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ on $\{1, m, m', x, y\}$ is isomorphic to K_5 , by Kuratowski's Theorem, $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not planar, which is impossible. Thus $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell| \leq 1$. Also, by Proposition 4.6, one of the conditions (i) or (ii) in Proposition 4.6 must hold. So we have the following cases:

Case 1. Suppose that the condition (i) in Proposition 4.6 holds and put $B_\ell(m) := \{x\}$. At first note that $\mathcal{L} = S \cup L_x^{m'} \cup L_{m'}^x \cup J(\mathcal{L})$. Now, assume that $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell| = 1$. Thus $B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell = \{x\}$. If $|L_x^{m'}| \geq 3$, then it is easy to see that the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ has a copy of $K_{3,3}$, which is impossible. Therefore $|L_x^{m'}| \leq 2$. Similarly $|L_{m'}^x| \leq 2$. Now, if $|L_x^{m'}| = |L_{m'}^x| = 2$, then consider the sets $V_1 := L_x^{m'} \cup \{1\}$ and $V_2 := L_{m'}^x \cup \{m\}$, to deduce that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ has a copy of $K_{3,3}$, which is impossible. Therefore, if $|L_x^{m'}| = 2$, then $|L_{m'}^x| = 1$. Similarly, if $|L_{m'}^x| = 2$, then $|L_x^{m'}| = 1$. So $\mathcal{L} = S \cup L_x^{m'} \cup L_{m'}^x \cup J(\mathcal{L})$, where $B_\ell(m) = \{x\}$ and $|L_x^{m'}|$, and $|L_{m'}^x|$ are less than 3, and if $|L_x^{m'}| = 2$, then $|L_{m'}^x| = 1$, and also, if $|L_{m'}^x| = 2$, then $|L_x^{m'}| = 1$.

Now, let $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell| = 0$. Since $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell| = 0$, we have that $L_{m'}^x = \emptyset$. So $\mathcal{L} = S \cup L_x^{m'} \cup J(\mathcal{L})$.

Case 2. Suppose that the condition (ii) in Proposition 4.6 holds. Set $B_\ell(m) := \{x, y\}$. Note that in this case, we have that

$$\mathcal{L} = S \cup L_{\{x,y\}}^{m'} \cup L_{\{m',y\}}^x \cup L_{\{m',x\}}^y \cup L_y^{\{m',x\}} \cup L_x^{\{m',y\}} \cup L_{m'}^{\{x,y\}} \cup J(\mathcal{L}).$$

Since \mathcal{L} is a lattice, we have that $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell| = 1$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell = \{y\}$. If $|L_{\{x,y\}}^{m'}| \geq 2$, then, by setting $V_1 := L_{\{x,y\}}^{m'} \cup \{y\}$ and $V_2 := \{1, m, x\}$, one can find a copy of $K_{3,3}$ in the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$, which is impossible. Hence $L_{\{x,y\}}^{m'} = \{m'\}$. Since $x \in \{m'\}^\ell$, we have that $L_{\{y,m'\}}^x = \emptyset$. Also, if $|L_{\{x,m'\}}^y| \geq 2$, then one can easily find a copy of $K_{3,3}$, which is impossible. So $L_{\{x,m'\}}^y = \{y\}$. On the other hand, since $x \in \{m'\}^\ell$, $L_{m'}^{\{x,y\}} = \emptyset$. Thus $\mathcal{L} = S \cup \{m'\} \cup B_\ell(m) \cup J(\mathcal{L})$.

The converse statement is clear. \square

In the following, we investigate the planarity of the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ whenever $|S| = 2$ and $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) = \{m, m', m''\}$.

Proposition 4.9 Suppose that $S = \{1, m\}$, $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) = \{m, m', m''\}$ and that the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. Then the following statements hold.

- (i) $L_{\{m', m''\}}^m = \{m\}$,
- (ii) $|L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'}| \leq 2$ and $|L_{\{m, m'\}}^{m''}| \leq 2$, and if $|L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'}| = 2$ then $|L_{\{m, m'\}}^{m''}| = 1$, and if $|L_{\{m, m'\}}^{m''}| = 2$, then $|L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'}| = 1$

Proof (i) Suppose that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. Assume in contrary that $|L_{\{m', m''\}}^m| \geq 2$. Note that, for every element $x \in L_{\{m', m''\}}^m$, we have $x \vee m' = 1$ and $x \vee m'' = 1$. So the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ has a copy of K_5 , which is impossible. Thus $L_{\{m', m''\}}^m = \{m\}$.

(ii) Assume in contrary that $|L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'}| \geq 3$ or $|L_{\{m, m'\}}^{m''}| \geq 3$. One can easily see that the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ has a subgraph isomorphic to $K_{3,3}$, and so $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not planar, which is impossible. Therefore $|L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'}| \leq 2$ and $|L_{\{m, m'\}}^{m''}| \leq 2$. Now, if $|L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'}| = 2$ and $|L_{\{m, m'\}}^{m''}| = 2$, then, by setting $V_1 := L_{\{m, m'\}}^{m''} \cup \{1\}$ and $V_2 := L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'} \cup \{m\}$, we can find a copy of $K_{3,3}$ in the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$, which is impossible. Hence if $|L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'}| = 2$, then $|L_{\{m, m'\}}^{m''}| = 1$. Similarly if $|L_{\{m, m'\}}^{m''}| = 2$, then $|L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'}| = 1$. \square

Theorem 4.10 Let $S = \{1, m\}$ and $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) = \{m, m', m''\}$. Then the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar if and only if \mathcal{L} is one of the following lattices:

- (i) $\mathcal{L} = \{1, m, m', m'', x\} \cup L_x^{\{m', m''\}} \cup J(\mathcal{L})$, where $B_\ell(m) = \{x\}$ and $x \in \{m'\}^\ell \setminus \{m''\}^\ell$ or $x \in \{m''\}^\ell \setminus \{m'\}^\ell$.
- (ii) $\mathcal{L} = \{1, m, x\} \cup L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'} \cup L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''} \cup L_x^{\{m', m''\}} \cup J(\mathcal{L})$, where $B_\ell(m) = \{x\}$ and
 - (a) $x \in \{m'\}^\ell \cap \{m''\}^\ell$,
 - (b) $|L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'}| \leq 2$ and $|L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''}| \leq 2$, and if $|L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'}| = 2$, then $|L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''}| = 1$, and if $|L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''}| = 2$, then $|L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'}| = 1$

Proof Suppose that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. Firstly, by Proposition 4.9, we have $L_{\{m', m''\}}^m = \{m\}$ which implies that $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m', m''\}^\ell| = 0$. Now, by Proposition 4.6, we have the following cases:

Case 1. Suppose that the condition (i) of Proposition 4.6 holds. Then set $B_\ell(m) := \{x\}$. Since $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m', m''\}^\ell| = 0$, we have the following subcases:

- (a) $B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell = \{x\}$ and $B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m''\}^\ell = \emptyset$. In this case, if $|L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'}| \geq 2$, then one can easily find a copy of $K_{3,3}$, which is impossible. So $|L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'}| = 1$. Similarly $|L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''}| = 1$. Also $L_{\{m', m''\}}^x$, $L_{m''}^{\{x, m'\}}$ and $L_{m'}^{\{x, m''\}}$ are empty sets, because $x \in \{m'\}^\ell$. So

$$\mathcal{L} = \{1, m, m', m'', x\} \cup L_x^{\{m', m''\}} \cup J(\mathcal{L}).$$

- (b) $B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m''\}^\ell = \{x\}$ and $B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell = \emptyset$. It is similar to (a).
- (c) $B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m''\}^\ell = \emptyset$ and $B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell = \emptyset$. In this case, by Proposition 4.9, we have that $|L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'}| \leq 2$ and $|L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''}| \leq 2$, and if $|L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'}| = 2$, then $|L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''}| = 1$

and vis versa. Also, since $x \in \{m'\}^\ell$ and $x \in \{m''\}^\ell$, the sets $L_{\{m', m''\}}^x$, $L_{m''}^{\{x, m'\}}$ and $L_{m'}^{\{x, m''\}}$ are empty. Thus $\mathcal{L} = \{1, m, x\} \cup L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'} \cup L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''} \cup L_x^{\{m', m''\}} \cup J(\mathcal{L})$, where $|L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'}| \leq 2$ and $|L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''}| \leq 2$, and if $|L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'}| = 2$ and $|L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''}| = 1$ and if $|L_{\{x, m'\}}^{m''}| = 2$ and $|L_{\{x, m''\}}^{m'}| = 1$

Case 2. Suppose that the condition (ii) of Proposition 4.6 holds. Set $B_\ell(m) := \{x, y\}$. Since \mathcal{L} is a lattice and $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m', m''\}^\ell| = 0$, one can conclude that $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m'\}^\ell| = 1$ and $|B_\ell(m) \setminus \{m''\}^\ell| = 1$. So, without loss the generality, we may assume that $x \in L_{m''}^{m'}$ and $y \in L_{m'}^{m''}$. Now if we set $V_1 := \{1, m', x\}$ and $V_1 := \{m, m'', y\}$, then one can find a subgraph isomorphic to $K_{3,3}$ in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ which is impossible. So this case never happens.

The converse statment is clear. \square

Now, the only remaining case is that $|S| = 1$. The following lemmas are useful.

Lemma 4.11 Assume that $|S| = 1$. Then the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar if and only if $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L} \setminus J(\mathcal{L}))$ is planar.

Proof By Proposition 3.6 we have that $\deg(x) = 1$, for all $x \in J(\mathcal{L})$. So, the result holds. \square

Lemma 4.12 Let $|S| = 1$ and $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \geq 2$. If $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| \geq 3$ and $|L_m^{m'}| \geq 2$, for some distinct $m, m' \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$, then $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not planar.

Proof Since $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| \geq 3$, we set $V_1 := \{m, x_1, x_2\} \subseteq L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m$. Also, since $|L_m^{m'}| \geq 2$, we set $V_2 := \{1, m', y_1\}$ where $y_1 \in L_m^{m'}$. It is easy to see that the subgraph of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ on $V_1 \cup V_2$ is isomorphic to $K_{3,3}$. Thus, by Kuratowski's Theorem, $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not planar. \square

In the next theorem, we provide a necessary and sufficient condition for planarity of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ when $|S| = 1$.

Theorem 4.13 Suppose that $|S| = 1$. Then the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar if and only if one of the following statements holds:

- (i) $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 1$,
- (ii) $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 2$ and if there is an element $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ such that $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| \geq 3$, then $|L_m^{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}| = 1$
- (iii) $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 3$, and
 - (a) For all $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$, $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| \leq 2$ and there is at most one element m in $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ such that $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| = 2$.
 - (b) If there is $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ such that $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| = 2$, then $|L_m^{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}| = 0$.

Proof Assume that the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. Then, by Proposition 3.2, $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \leq 3$. Suppose that $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| \neq 1$. So, we have the following cases:

Case 1. Suppose that $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 2$ and put $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) = \{m, m'\}$. If there is one element $c \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ such that $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{c\}}^c| \geq 3$, then we show that $|L_c^{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{c\}}| = 1$. Without loss the generality, we may assume that $c = m$. Assume in contrary that $|L_m^{m'}| \geq 2$. Then, by setting $V_1 := \{1, m', x\}$ and $V_2 := \{m, y_1, y_2\}$, where $x \in L_m^{m'}$ and $y_1, y_2 \in L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m$, one can find a copy of $K_{3,3}$ in $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$, which is impossible. Therefore if there is one element $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ such that $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| \geq 3$, then $L_m^{m'} = \{m'\}$.

Case 2. Suppose that $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 3$ and put $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) = \{m, m', m''\}$. It is easy to see that if $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| \geq 3$, then the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is not planar, which is impossible. So $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| \leq 2$ for all $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$. Now, Assume in contrary that $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{c\}}^c| = 2$ and $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{c'\}}^{c'}| = 2$ for some c and c' in $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$. Without loss of generality, we may assume that $c = m$ and $c' = m'$. Put $V_1 := \{1, m, x\}$ and $V_2 := \{m', m'', y\}$, where $x \in L_{\{m', m''\}}^m$ and $y \in L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'}$. Then one can find a subgraph of $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ which is isomorphic to $K_{3,3}$, which is impossible. So, there is at most one element c in $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ such that $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{c\}}^c| = 2$. Now, assume that $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| = 2$, and assume in contrary that $|L_m^{\{m', m''\}}| \geq 1$. Then, by setting $V_1 := \{1\} \cup L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m$ and $V_2 := \{m', m'', y\}$ where $y \in L_m^{\{m', m''\}}$, we can find a subgraph in the graph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ which is isomorphic to $K_{3,3}$, which is impossible. So, $|L_m^{\{m', m''\}}| = 0$.

Conversely, if $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 1$, then, by part (ii) of Proposition 2.5, $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is a star graph, and so it is planar.

Now, assume that $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 2$ and that there is one element $m \in \text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})$ such that $|L_{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}^m| \geq 3$. Then $|L_m^{\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) \setminus \{m\}}| = 1$. It is not hard to see that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L} \setminus \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{L}))$ is a complete 3-partite graph such that at least two parts of it has exactly one element. Therefore $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L} \setminus \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{L}))$ is planar. Now, by Proposition 4.11, $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar.

Now, suppose that $|\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L})| = 3$ and put $\text{Coatom}(\mathcal{L}) = \{m, m', m''\}$. Also, assume that the conditions (a) and (b) hold. It is easy to see that the subgraph $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L} \setminus \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{L}))$ on $\{1\} \cup L_{\{m', m''\}}^m \cup L_{\{m, m''\}}^{m'} \cup L_{\{m, m'\}}^{m''}$ is a complete 4-partite graph such that at least three parts of it has exactly one element. Now, by condition (b), it is easy to see that $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L} \setminus \mathcal{J}(\mathcal{L}))$ is planar. Hence, by Proposition 4.11, $\Gamma_S(\mathcal{L})$ is planar. \square

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